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SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY
LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA
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1. SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AREAS ARE GENERALLY CHARACTERIZED BY DISPERSED BUILDINGS PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY TREE CANOPY, HIGH LEVELS OF TRACK ACTIVITY WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW CROPS NEAR OR WITHIN THE AREAS, INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS BETWEEN THE AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY, AND THE LACK OF NATIVE VILLAGES (NOW RAZED AND ABANDONED) THAT PREVIOUSLY EXISTED IN THE AREAS. THE SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE LAOS/CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA IS FURTHER CHARACTERIZED BY THE LACK OF ANY DISCERNIBLE DEFENSES, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF THEIR LOCATION OR THE CONCEALMENT OF SUCH ACTIVITY BY HEAVY TREE CANOPY, AND THE INTERCONNECTING FOOT TRAILS BETWEEN THE AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AND BOTH LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS A HIGH LEVEL OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE EXTREME NORTHEAST TIP OF CAMBODIA, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS, AND IN LAOS PROPER. THE FOLLOWING AREAS, LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA AND IMAGED

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ON [] PHOTOGRAPHY, ARE SHOWN AS INSETS ON GRAPHIC:

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THREE CLOSELY RELATED AREAS CONTAINING AT LEAST FOUR BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED 3.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

A LARGE AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST TWENTY BUILDINGS IS LOCATED 3.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST TEN BUILDINGS IS LOCATED 3.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST SEVEN BUILDINGS IS LOCATED 1.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

3. SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY AREAS, LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA AND IMAGED ON TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY, ARE SHOWN ON PHOTOGRAPHIC MOSAIC ON GRAPHIC:

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST FOUR BUILDINGS IS LOCATED 4.1 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

SIX AREAS OF SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY WITHIN CAMBODIA, IDENTIFIED ON TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY WITHIN THE AREA OF INTEREST BUT NOT CONFIRMED BY LOW LEVEL GOOD QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHY, ARE ALSO SHOWN ON MOSAIC.

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4. THE FOLLOWING AREAS, CONFIRMED ON [REDACTED]
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AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST SIX BUILDINGS IS
LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA, 3.4 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH
VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

AN AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST FIVE BUILDINGS IS
LOCATED WITHIN CAMBODIA, 2.5 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH
VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

THREE CLOSELY RELATED AREAS CONTAINING AT LEAST
ONE POSSIBLE BUILDING ARE LOCATED 2.8 NM WEST OF THE
SOUTH VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER.

FOUR CLOSELY RELATED AREAS ARE LOCATED WITHIN
LAOS, 2.3 NM WEST OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER. NO
BUILDINGS COULD BE IDENTIFIED DUE TO SCALE AND TREE
CANOPY.

5. A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MESSAGE OF 08 AUGUST 1965,
ENTITLED "INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE SECURITY VIOLATION INHERENT
IN UPI STORY FROM SAIGON, 5 AUG.", REPORTED THE FOLLOWING STORY
APPEARED IN THE SAIGON DAILY NEWS OF 6 AUGUST:

"SAIGON, AUG 5 (UPI) - COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM HAS
MOVED THE HEADQUARTED [SIC] FOR AN ENTIRE ARMY DIVISION

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INTO NORMALLY NEUTRAL CAMBODIA, TO DIRECT THEIR COMBAT TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. RELIABLE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES TOLD UPI THAT THE REDS HAVE SHIFTED THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 325TH DIVISION TO A CAMBODIAN HIDEOUT ABOUT 270 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON. THE DIVISION'S SANCTUARY WAS TRACKED DOWN BY SECRET RADIO DETECTION EQUIPMENT ABOARD AMERICAN SURVEILLANCE PLANS [SIC]. THE NEW EQUIPMENT WAS PUT TO USE AFTER THE AMERICANS LOST TRACK OF THE 325TH'S HEADQUARTERS. THEY WERE FORMERLY ABLE TO PINPOINT WITHIN A FEW HUNDRED YARDS THE LOCATION OF THE COMMUNIST RADIO TRANSMITTERS. THE DIVISION'S NEW LOCATION IS IN A ROADLESS WILDERNESS, WHERE PRIMITIVE LOCAL TRIBESMEN HAVE SCARCELY HEARD OF THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE 325TH TO HAVE MOVED INTO ITS NEW HIDEOUT WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OR EVEN THE KNOWLEDGE OF CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES. BUT THE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE PLANES HAVE ALSO SPOTTED A SUPPLY BASE AND AIRFIELD FAR DEEPER INSIDE CAMBODIA WHICH APPEARS TO BE FUNNELLING SUPPLIES TO THE REDS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AIR BASE IS ABOUT 50 MILES SOUTH OF THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, AT A CAMBODIAN TOWN CALLED BO KHEO.

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RADAR SCANNERS HAVE SPOTTED AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO BO KHEO. THE 325TH CONTROLS THREE FULL REGIMENTS - EACH NUMBERING AT LEAST 2,000 MEN WHICH OPERATE IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLAND OF SOUTH VIET NAM. THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS FORMERLY COMMANDED THESE REGIMENTS FROM HIDEOUTS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NEIGHBORING LAOS. THE RED AIR [SIC] WAS LOCATED ALONG THE 'HO CHI MINH TRAIL' SUPPLY ROUTE, WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY COMMUNIST REBELS. INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT LAOS GOT TOO HOT FOR THE 325TH WHEN THE STAOTIAN [SIC] GOVERNMENT GAVE THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE PERMISSION TO RAID COMMUNIST CONTROLLED PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS DISAPPEARED, AND THEN TURNED UP IN THE NARROW CAMBODIAN PANHANDLE WHICH IS JUST NORTH BETWEEN LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW LOCATION PROTECTS THEM FROM AMERICAN AIR STRIKES. CAMBODIA IS OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL, BUT IT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND GIVES VERBAL SUPPORT TO THE VIET CONG REBELS; IT DENIES GIVING THE REDS BASES. THE BASE IS CONNECTED WITH SOUTH VIETNAM BY NATIONAL HIGHWAY 19. AIRCRAFT HAVE SPOTTED CONVOY [SIC] OF AS MANY AS 40 TRUCKS, ROLLING FROM BO KHEO TO THE VIETNAMESE DISTRICT CAPCHOLDI [SIC] OF LE THANH. A SPECIAL

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FORCES CAMP AT DUC CO IS THE ONLY REMAINING GOVERNMENT
OUTPOST NEAR THE NEW RED CONVOY ROUTE. IT HAS BEEN UNDER
CONTINUOUS SIEGE BY THE VIET CONG FOR A MONTH. A THOUSAND
GOVERNMENT PARATROOPERS [SIC] WERE RUSHED INTO DUC CO ON
TUESDAY TO SAVE THIS LAST OUTPOST ALONG THE COMMUNISTS
NEW SUPPLY LINE."

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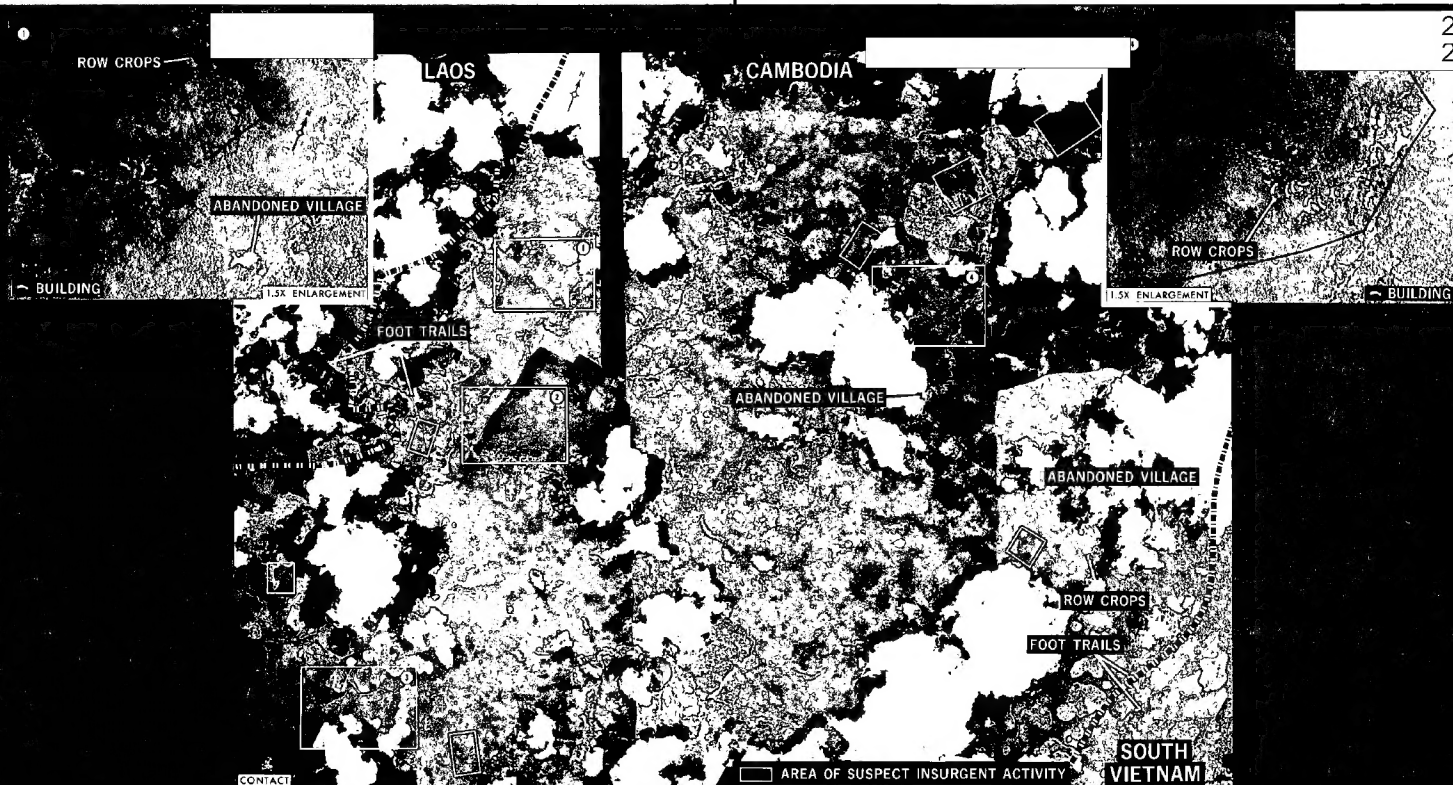
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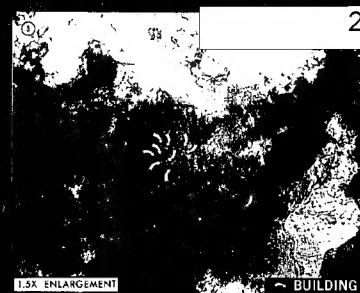
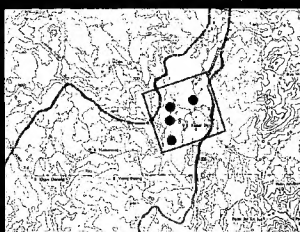
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